People known to be buried at Star Lake Cemetery

Sarah Chase, Joseph Chase, Helen Avery Robinson, Asa Chase, Ebenezer Hazleton, Elizabeth Hazleton, Gilman S. Hezelton, spelt with an e instead of a, and Mary Cross. There are others buried there, but names at this time are not known.
Visit to Star Lake Cemetery

On a cloudy July 8th, 1998, Alberta Putney O’Day escorted Muriel Tinkham, Dorothy Eldeen, and Patsy Heath Caswell up Star Lake Road where we turned left just past the last house, on to Stryker Road. The cemetery is on the left, not too far from the intersection. The Ice Storm of ‘98 and time have damaged the stones. Some are broken in half and a couple have crumbled, so that nothing much is left. We found 11 stones or the remains of stones, but believe there are a few more graves located there due to the mounds in the ground, especially along the east wall. Alberta knows of a relative of hers who died when a baby and was buried somewhere in the cemetery in a saltbox. It was a cloudy day and the pictures taken are not the best quality. Some of the stones were so bad that we had to rub them to read them, but we recorded the information found on nine of the headstones. The earliest gravestone still readable was that of Maryette Abbott, daughter of AS and Mahala Abbott, who died April 19, 1848, age 7 mo., 9 days. The last burial was that of Helen Avery Robinson, a sculptress related to C.B. Robinson, who once owned Star Lake Farm. Helen’s unusual stone is dated 1977. It is a plaque on a boulder. Gilman S. Hezelton died March 17, 1849, age 17 yrs and 8 mo. The following is his epitaph: Death may dissolve the strongest tie/And bear away the dearest friend/But [there's] a life above the sky/where death and sorrow both shall end.
1. Location
   a) Name/Names of cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery
   b) Specific Location: Star Lake Rd. past last house on left, turn left at stop sign. Cemetery is located on left side of road. Across road and down over field is N. Alvin Pond. Cemetery is on Star Lake Rd.
   c) Property owned by: Dan Thorn
   d) USGS Topographic Map: Quadrangle
      1) Cemetery coordinates: Latitude _______ Longitude _______
      2) Cemetery number on map: ______

2. Classification
   a) Public
   b) Private Family: Other, explain: Uncertain
   c) Status: Abandoned: Maintained, but not used: Currently being used: ______
   d) Size: Approximate number of graves: ______ Approximate size of cemetery: ______

3. Accessibility to Public
   a) Unrestricted
   b) Restricted, explain: Gates

4. Condition
   a) Well maintained and preserved
   b) Poorly maintained
   c) Overgrown, easily identifiable
   d) Overgrown, not easily identifiable
   e) Not identifiable as a burial site, but known to exist through tradition or other means. Explain: ______

5. Cemetery Enclosure
   a) Is the cemetery enclosed by a wall, fence, hedge, etc?: Stone wall
      If yes, specify how it is enclosed: ______
   b) State condition of wall, fence, hedge, etc.: Fair

* Sometimes workers on estate where cemetery is located, clean it out.

We believe there are other graves in the cemetery especially along the East Wall. There are mounds, head+foot stones missing, but some rocks placed at head+foot.

Also, Alberta Putney O'Day had an uncle who died at birth or infancy, buried in a salt box. Doesn't know where it is in cemetery.

XXX North Wall 65', East Wall 83', South Wall 70', West Wall 89'
6. Tombstones or Markers
   a) Are stone or markers present? 10 b) Are they inscribed? Yes
c) Number of readable stones or markers 10 d) Date of last known burial 1977
e) Date of earliest known burial 1848 f) Are there unusual stones? 

   Describe them: Helen Avery Robinson, granite boulder w/ metal plate for plaque
   g) Have markers been damaged? ✓ If yes, by farm animals? ___ Vandalism? ___
      farming operations? ___ Industrial operations? ___ Custodial care ✓
      Other means ✓ Explain Nature

7. Note any hazards imperiling the cemetery's existence Rough ground, several trees in enclosure

8. Has the cemetery been listed in an existing published or unpublished cemetery survey? No  If yes, explain

9. Historical or other special significance of cemetery, if any

   ____________________________________________
   ____________________________________________

10. Any other information

   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

11. Materials of which markers are made. Approximate number of markers of each material. 
    Slate; 10 Marble; 0 Schist; 0 Sandstone;  
    Fieldstone; Others w/ metal plaque

12. Decorative Carving on the markers. Approximate number of stones with these motifs:
    ____ skulls; ____ Faces; ____ Urns and/or willows; ____ others

13. Names of stone carvers whose work is in the cemetery when known:
    Howe, Newport

Canvassor: Dorothy Eileen, Patricia Caswell, Hannelin Tinkham, Alberta Conaway O'Day

Date: 7-8-1998

Organization: Springfield Historical Society

Address: Box 6 Springfield, N.H. 03284
Star Lake Cemetery 1995
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery
Location: Staked off Star Lake Rd
Date of record: 7-8-1998
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldon + Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head x 2. Foot x 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other ___
5. Sandstone w/ marble insert ___ 6. Granite ___ 7. Other ___
 9. Other ___

Carver: 

11. Discolored/stained x ___ 12. Moss/lichen x ___ 13. Other ___

Comment: 

Condition of inscription: 1. Mint ___ 2. Clear but worn ___ 3. Mostly decipherable ___
4. Traces x ___ 5. Illegible or destroyed ___ 6. Underground ___
Comment: Could only be read by rubbing the stone

Dimensions: Height 32" Width 19" Thickness 2" Comment: 
Direction marker faces: N ___ S ___ E ___ W ___ NE ___ NW ___ SW ___

Inscription: Sarah Chase

Epitaph: 

Cataloguer's remarks:
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SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery Location: Striker Rd off Star Lake Rd.
Date of record: 7-8-98
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldeen + Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid:
Photo Negative #:

Marker type: 1. Head x 2. Foot x 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other

9. Other

Carver:

11. Discolored/stained x 12. Moss/lichen x 13. Other

Comment:

4. Traces x 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment: The only way it could be read was by rubbing it.

Dimensions: Height 3' Width 13/4' Thickness 2' Comment:

Direction marker faces: N S E W NE NW SW

Inscription: Joseph Chase died Oct. 30, 1867
Age 60 yrs.

Epitaph:

Cataloguer's remarks:

Written in horseshoe shape
Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery  Location: Striker Rd off Star Lake Rd
Date of record: 7-8-1998
Cataloguer: Dorothy Elden & Patricia Caswell
Marker #: from grid ___________________
Photo Negative #: ____________________
Marker type: 1. Head ✓ 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other __________________________
9. Other __________________________
Carver: ______________________________
Comment: __________________________
4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground
Comment: __________________________
Dimensions: Height 20" Width 12 1/2" Thickness 1 1/2" Comment
Direction marker faces: N _ S _ E _ W ✓ NE _ NW _ SW
Inscription: Maryette dau of As & Mahala Abbott,
died Apr. 19, 1848 AE 7 mo. 9 da.

Epitaph

Cataloguer's remarks: __________________________
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery Starhake Cemetery
Location Striker Rd, off Starhake Rd
Date of record 7-8-1998
Cataloguer Muriel Tinkham, Alberta Purdy O'Day
Marker # from grid
Photo Negative

Marker type: 1. Head X 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other

Sandstone w/marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other Fieldstone/Metal plate


9. Other None

Carver:


Comment:

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment:

Dimensions: Height 23" Width 3' Thickness Comment Plaque 20" W 15"

Direction marker faces: N S E W X NE NW SW

Inscription Helen Avery Robinson, Jr. Sculptress
July 5, 1888 - May 12, 1977
Anchorage, Kentucky - Springfield, New Hampshire

Epitaph

Cataloguer's remarks:
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery
Location: Striker Rd off Star Lake Rd
Date of record: 7-8-1998
Cataloguer: Muriel Tinkham + Alberta Putney O'Day
Marker #: from grid
Photo Negative #

Marker type: 1. Head X 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other
9. Other

Carver:

11. Discolored/stained
12. Moss/lichen 13. Other

Comment:

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment:

Dimensions: Height "11" Width "17" Thickness "2"

Comment:

Direction marker faces: N S E W X NE NW SW

Inscription: ASA CHASE - DIED - Nov 18, 1865
AE 87 yrs 9 mos

Epitaph

Cataloguer's remarks:
Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery  Location: Stricker Rd. off Star Lake Rd.
Date of record: 7-8-1998
Cataloguer: Murrel Tinkham & Alberta Putney O'Day
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head  2. Foot  3. Table  4. Tomb  5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert  6. Granite  7. Other
9. Other

Carver: 

Comment: 
4. Traces  5. Illegible or destroyed  6. Underground

Comment: 
Dimensions: Height: 20"  Width: 10"  Thickness: 2"  Comment: 

Direction marker faces: N  S  E  W  NE  NW  SW

Inscription: Mary C - dau. of Alonzo & Mary J. Cross
DIED: May 3, 1862 - AF 1mo 6 days

Epitaph: 

Cataloguer's remarks: 
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery  Location: Striker Rd off Star Lake Rd
Date of record: 7-9-1998  
Cataloguer: Dorothy Elder + Patricia Caswell
Marker #: from grid
Photo Negative #

Marker type: 1. Head ✓ 2. Foot ✓ 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other
9. Other

Carver:


Comment:

4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground

Comment:

Dimensions: Height 40” Width 20” Thickness 2” Comment

Direction marker faces: N S E W ✓ NE NW SW

Inscription: Ebenezer Hazelton died March 10, 1853.

Epitaph:

Cataloguer's remarks:

Name engraved in horseshoe shape.
SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVENTORY OF MARKERS

Date of record: 7-8-1998
Cataloguer: Dorothy Eldredge & Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 

Marker type: 1. Head ✅ 2. Foot ✅ 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other 
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other 

Carver: Howe, Newport 

Comment: Crack thru middle of stone. Stone is laying down 
4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground 

Comment: 
Dimensions: Height 3' 0" Width 20" Thickness 2" Comment: 

Direction marker faces: N S E W ✅ NE NW SW 
Inscription: Elizabeth, wife of Ebenezer Hazelton died 
May 30, 1868. Aged 61 

Epitaph: 

Cataloguer's remarks: 
S. H. B. S.
W. H. S.
E. R. E. H.
O. E.
D. 58
D. 61.
Cemetery: Star Lake Cemetery  Location: Strickland off Star Lake Rd
Date of record: 7-8-1998
Cataloguer: Dorothy Elden & Patricia Caswell
Marker # from grid: 
Photo Negative #: 
Marker type: 1. Head 2. Foot 3. Table 4. Tomb 5. Other
Sandstone w/ marble insert 6. Granite 7. Other
Carver: 
Comment: Had to rub epitaph to read it.
4. Traces 5. Illegible or destroyed 6. Underground
Comment: 
Dimensions: Height 3'3" Width 17" Thickness 1'1/2" Comment: 
Direction marker faces: N S E W Y NE NW SW
Inscription: Gilman Hezelton died Mar 17, 1849 AEF 17 yrs 8 mos.

Epitaph: Death may dissolve the strongest tie, And bear away the dearest friend, But there's a life above the sky, Where death and sorrow both shall end.

Cataloguer's remarks: 
Inscription horseshoe shaped.